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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: CHRYSLER THREATENED WITH VIOLENCE

1. DURING CALL AT CHRYSLER PLANT DEC 6, I DISCUSSED WITH
MANAGER, HERB LESHINSKY, THREATENING CALLS CHRYSLER HAS
BEEN RECEIVING FOR SOME WEEKS. CHRYSLER TAKES CALLS
SERIOUSLY AND REPORTS THAT CALLER IS NOW DEMANDING PAYMENT
OF SOME 700 THOUSAND IN CASH (US) AND DELIVERIES OF ROUGHLY
\$300,000 WORTH OF CHRYSLER PRODUCTS TO AS YET UNSPECIFIED
RECIPIENTS, OR THREATENS TO CARRY OUT VIOLENT ACTS AGAINST
CHRYSLER PERSONNEL.

2. CHRYSLER HAS INFORMED POLICE AND IS CO-OPERATING WITH
THEM. AS PART OF GOA'S STEPPED-UP EFFORTS TO PROTECT FOREIGN
COMPANIES, MOREOVER, TROOPS OF GENDARMERIA HAVE BEEN SENT TO
PATROL PLANT GROUNDS AND FEDERAL POLICE PROVIDING PROTECTIVE
COVERAGE FOR LIMITED NUMBER EXECUTIVES.

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3. LESHINSKY POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT EVEN WITH BEST

POSSIBLE WILL, GOA CANNOT GIVE ABSOLUTE GUARANTEES FOR SAFETY OF CHRYSLER PERSONNEL. HENCE, AT SOME POINT (THOUGH LESHINSKY EMPHASIZED THAT POINT NOT YET REACHED), CHRYSLER, TOO, WILL HAVE DIFFICULT DECISION AS TO WHETHER GET OUT, PAY UP, OR DO NEITHER AND TOUGH IT OUT. SO FAR, THEY SEEM TO BE LEANING IN LATTER DIRECTION.
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